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BY LANI PRESSWOOD

The radio announcer lost his poise. One sports writer said, "he leaped, dived and flew." Another called the maneuver a "handstand into the end zone."

The source of this journalistic chaos was a two yard sweep by A&M halfback Jim Stabler against

LSU Saturday night which placed the first Aggie points of the season on the scoreboard.

The Cadet gridders had driven 81 yards in the game's final minutes and had a first down on the Tiger two-yard stripe. Two smashes at the rugged Bengal line netted nothing.

On the next play, Stabler wheeled to his right after the hand-off, was met head-on by a Tiger defender, but somehow drove through him to paydirt.

The compact, 187 pound junior describes it this way:

"Coach Foldberg sent me in with the play. McIlhany handed off and I started to cut inside. But they were beginning to plug the hole so I decided to swing wide."

"I started running for the red flag. Then one of their guys (Ken Cormier) hit me. I stumbled, and the next thing I remember I was lying in the end zone."

"Both guards pulled on the play and the films show that some real good blocks were laid in there."

The executor of the Ag touch-down play was an all-district performer at Dallas Hillcrest where he became a college recruiting target.

"I visited the other conference schools but thought A&M had the best athletic set-up," he related. "I've always been glad I signed here."

Stabler, a finance major, started the last four games for the Fish grid team of two seasons ago.

Of his soph season he says, "It really taught me a lot. I learned to follow my blockers better, to stay more alert when I'm running, and I picked up a lot of little things a back has to know."

Like many of his teammates, Stabler voices respect but not reverence for the ball club that edged the Ags, 9-6, in Baton Rouge.

"They have another fine football team over there, but I think that down for down we played them even. It hurts to lose a game like that, but it gave all of us, particularly our sophomores, needed game experience."

The Cadets train their sights next on the University of Houston Cougars.

"I don't believe our spirit is down at all," Stabler concluded. "We know they always get fired up to play us and we're ready to give them a ball game."



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FROM THE *Sidelines*

By TEX ROGERS

If the punt is made illegal, the Aggies may someday beat the LSU Tigers.

So much for Saturday's defeat. The game is over, A&M lost, and now all that is left is to look forward to the nine remaining games on the Aggie schedule.

No more looking back on each week's defeat (there has been one almost every week) and rehashing the mistakes trying to change the scoreboard as has been the tradition in the past few years.

However, one can look back to the Tiger contest with some encouragement and optimistic observations, indicating the Aggies have something lacked since the ancient days of John David and Bobby Joe—the will to win.

Coach Hank Foldberg looked into the future Tuesday at his weekly press conference to the Houston Cougars, A&M's next foe. He also reviewed the LSU meeting and, despite the 9-6 defeat, showed signs of optimism.

"The University of Houston has a quicker and better team than they showed against Auburn last week," the former Army All-American told the group of sports writers.

"We saw only nine points Auburn actually earned. The rest of them were gifts. Dick Johnson, one of our coaches who scouted the game, said they showed a real solid team."

The Cougs notched only 17 yards on the ground and 47 in the air and got past the Auburn fifty only once, raising the question of how much solidity Houston can muster.

However, the Red and White always seems to find it somewhere because A&M hasn't taken a game from Houston in Houston since 1952.

Speaking on the LSU game Foldberg accredited his boys with mistakes, but "ones that can be corrected."

"We made a lot of mistakes against LSU," the Aggie taskmaster mused. "Things like blocking and tackling, not putting the head in front of the ball carrier or us-

ing the shoulder. And we created some mistakes ourselves."

Hank went on to say that LSU had more speed and a better offense than the past two teams he faced in Tiger Stadium.

On defense, the coach said safety James Willenborg turned in a "fine job, Lindey Endsley did at tackle, sophomore Ed Breeding did at end, and so did linebacker Joe Wellborn."

Foldberg went on to say that from the offensive squad he was pleased with guard Ronney Moore, who played some defense, centers Gary Kovar and Andy Overton, fullback Joe Weiss, and ends John Brotherton and Billy Uzzell.

"We were real satisfied with Overton's blocking," Hank added. "He did a much better job in the game than we thought he would, and so did Weiss. Brotherton received and blocked well."

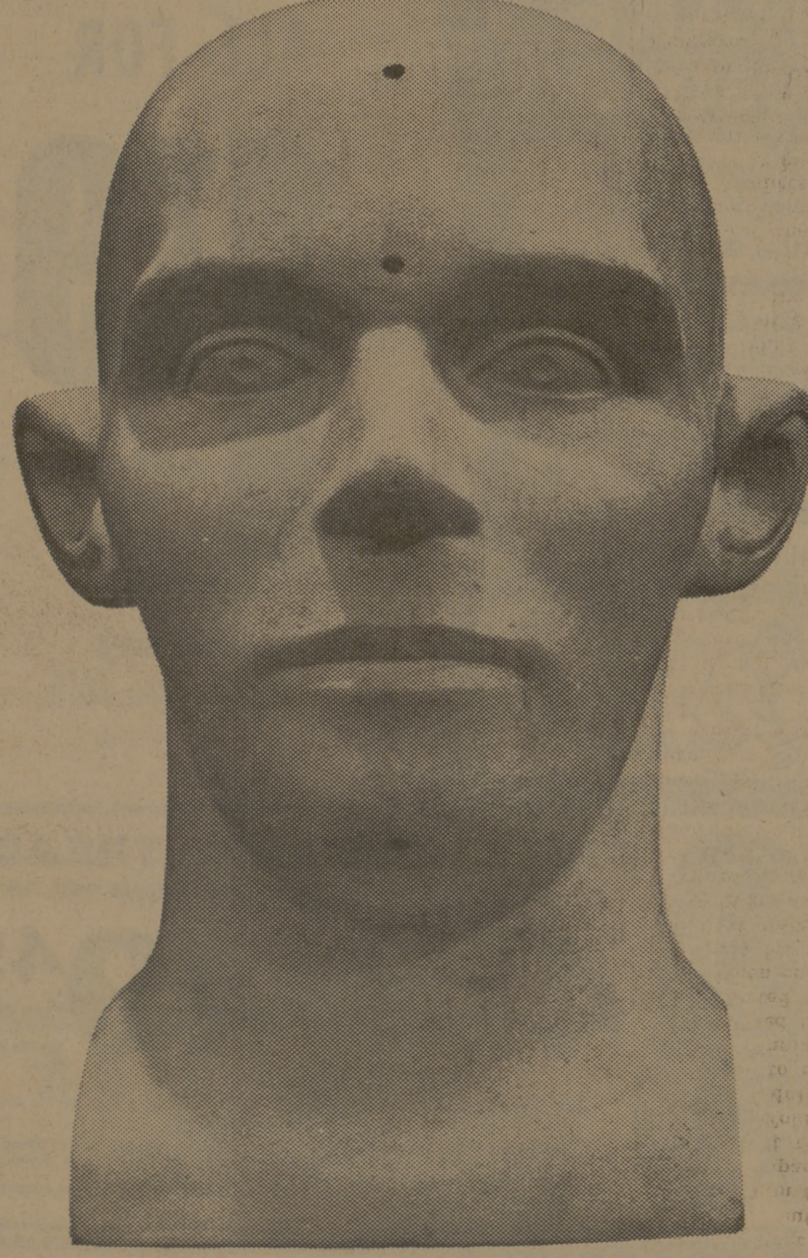
One change was made in the lineup as a result of the Tiger game. Senior guard Yancy Bounds moved into the Maroon first unit, replacing John Nilson.

The Aggie backfield also drew praise from Foldberg, with soph halfback Lloyd Curington getting credit for a good job.

"Lloyd ran good in that goal line stand," the coach said, "and he almost broke loose once in the game."

"The offense has improved, not at the stage it could be. But it's early in the season, and we can get the kinks out later."

"However, I was pleased to get our backs into the LSU secondary," Foldberg concluded. "If we can continue, we can break a long one now and then that we haven't been able to do."



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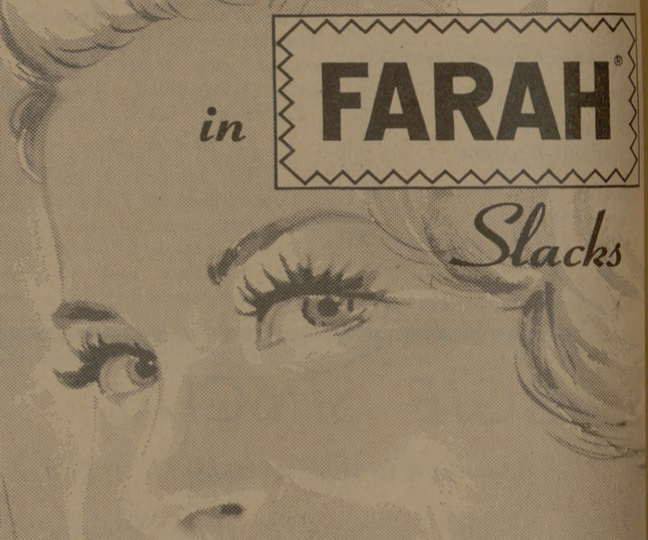
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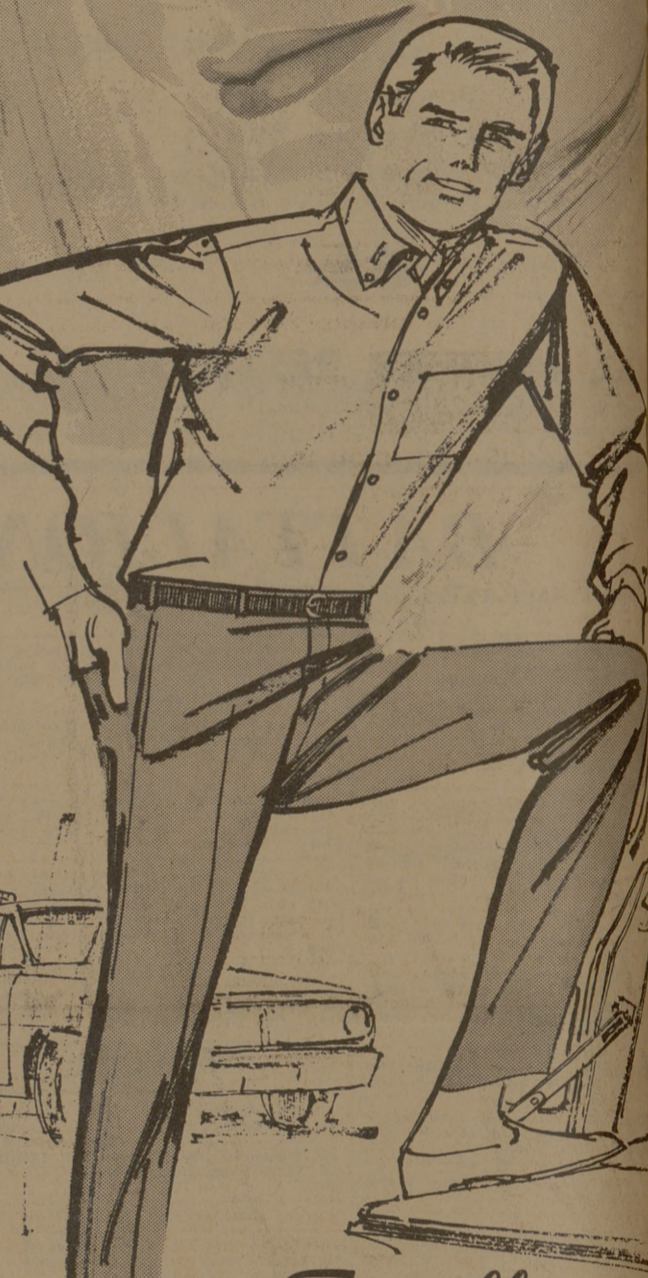
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